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Meeting Minutes

Permanent School Building Committee

Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Michael Doyle, Allan Gaudet and David Russell

Thursday, December 4, 2014

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Michael Doyle, Allan Gaudet and David Russell

Staff: Mr. Kilpatrick, Director of School Building and Grounds, GPS and Mr. Robarge, Town of Groton Facilities and Fleet Maintenance.

Other: Mr. Frink, Town Councilor.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

2. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) September 18, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Gaudet to accept the amended meeting minute of September 18, 2014. The motion passed 5 - 0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (other than Subcommittee reports)

(a) PSBC Members

Chairman DeMatto reported that he and Mr. Doyle were approved by the Town Council for another three year term on the PSBC.

(b) Staff

Mr. Kilpatrick reported that the Fitch High School Roof job was completed. The small punchlist items were completed since the last meeting. Mr. Kilpatrick reported that the funding for the Charles Barnum Asbestos Removal Project was approved. The work will be done summer of 2015.

5. RECEIPT OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A) BOE Projects

Fitch High School Roof Project - completed, see above.

B) Town Council Appointed Projects

1) School Facilities Initiative Task Force

Mr. Doyle provided a summary of the two meetings that he attended on October 30th and November 13th. At the October 30th meeting (10-30-14 Co-Location Concepts) three options were presented for placing the Middle School near Fitch High School. One on the Fitch High School baseball field and tennis courts (Option A) second on the football field and tennis courts (Option B) and third on the Merritt Property (Option C). Option A and B were close to Fitch High School, but there were drawbacks. Option C gave more space, but was farther away from Fitch High School. There was a discussion about placing the Middle School closer to Fitch High

School on the Meritt Property (Option D). Option D was presented at the November 13th meeting (11-13-14 Single Middle School Co-Location concepts).

At both meetings the consultant presented preliminary designs that would meet the Education Specs developed by the BOE. The consultants presented the pros and cons of some of the Education Specs in terms of the different education programs. The pros and cons will likely change some of the Education Specs if the BOE agree.

The briefs that were presented are located at <http://www.groton-ct.gov/meetings/Handouts.asp>

Mr. Doyle expressed concerns about the Merritt Property field plans, placing the Middle School on the Merritt Property cuts down the number of fields. The field plan had up to four rectangular fields. The Education Specs called for two rectangular fields and two ball fields (one softball and one baseball field).

2) Groton School System Emergency Action Plan Review Committee

Mr. Kilpatrick reported that the individual schools had emergency action plans.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Kilpatrick reported that the Fitch High School windows are still being monitored but there hasn't been much rain.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1) Report on Meeting With Superintendent of Schools

Chairman DeMatto reported that he and Mr. LaFrance attended the meeting. Mr. Kilpatrick and Mr. Robarge were also in attendance. Chairman DeMatto provided a brief overview of the meeting with Dr. Graner on November 20th. They discussed the considerations for the timing in the hiring of a Construction Manager, an Architect, and a Builder. He said that they had a good discussion.

Chair man DeMatto led a discussion on the key areas that the PSBC will need to follow during planning and design. The key areas were:

HVAC

School Security

Windows

Exterior

Alternative Energy including solar and geothermal, (Mr. LaFrance will do some research on the current state of the art geothermal.

School construction workshops were mentioned as a way to get informed on recent school building construction techniques. Mr. Kilpatrick will let us know what workshops are available in the area.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the PSBC is planned for January 15, 2015 at 7 PM. Chairman DeMatto informed the Committee that he will be away in Florida for January, February and March

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. LaFrance to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.